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## AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN EASTERN USSR

CONFERENCE IN NOVOSIBIRSK -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 12, 16 Jan 49

The Novosibirsk Oblast Conference of Agricultural Specialists was held on 17 January in the "Krasny Fekel" Theater, with more than 1,000 agronomists, veterinary workers, scientific representatives, etc., in attendance. The following took part in the conference: K. Lagin, Kosov, Pesikina, and Rozarova, secretaries of the Novosibirsk Oblast Committee of the VAP(b); Army General Yoremko, Commander of the West Siberian Military District; Vysokos, director of "SIBNIIKHOZ" (Siberian Scientific Research Institute of Grain Economy), Kysmond, chief zootechnician Omsk Oblast Administration of Agriculture; and others.

The conference was opened by Sokolov,, chairman of the Novosibirsk Oblast Sovkhoz of Workers' Deputies. Kislov, deputy chief of the Novosibirsk Oblast Administration of Agriculture and chief agronomist of the Oblast, gave the leading report, "The Doctrine of I. V. Michurin and the Task of Increasing the Yield on Kolkhozes and Sovkhozes." Simon, director of "SibNIIZh" (Siberian Scientific Research Institute of Animal Husbandry) gave the second report, "Results of Using Scientific Methods and the Practical Achievements of Leaders in Socialist Animal Husbandry in Novosibirsk Oblast," and told of the achievement of kolkhoz and sovkhoz workers who, by using Michurin's principles, have been fulfilling the decree of the February Plenum of the TsK VKP(b) on the development of animal husbandry. Professor Reverdatto, Laureate of the Stalin Prize, spoke on the need for mass propaganda in Michurin science and for closer connection between science and practical endeavour. Reports and exhibits were also given on the achievements of the "SoyuzStredtel'ny Kolkhoz which has extended its pledges and put Michurin principles into practice.

LOW LEVEL IN NOVOSIBIRSK OBLAST -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 15, 22 Jan 49

At the closing session of the oblast conference of agricultural specialists, Zhukovskiy, chief, Novosibirsk Oblast Administration of Agriculture, reported that the level of agricultural and animal husbandry development in the oblast is still very low. This is true despite the examples set by the leading NKS.

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the Kourakskaya MIS in Toguchinskiy Rayon, and the leading kolkhoz, "Krasnyy Partizan," in Novosibirskiy Rayon. Kosov, secretary, Novosibirsk Oblast Committee of the VEP(b) stated that the most serious deficiency in the agricultural development of the oblast is the low yield, which averages only 40-50 pud per hectare for individual rayons.

**COTTON CULTIVATION IMPROVES -- Stalinskoye Znanya, No 1, 1 Jan 49**

The year 1948 saw a further development of the cotton industry in Andizhan Oblast. At present, the average yield for the oblast as a whole is 20 centners of cotton per hectare. The oblast, however, has not yet completed the State Plan for cotton procurement.

**OIL AND FAT COMBINE FULFILLS PLAN -- Krasnoye Znanya, No 294, 12 Dec 48**

The Voroshilov Oil and Fat Combine imeni Mikoyan completed the annual plan ahead of schedule. The combine has given the state 2,600,000 rubles, and efforts to realize above-plan profits are being extended throughout the enterprise.

**AMUR OBLAST COMPLETES MEAT-PROCUREMENT PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 5, 7 Jan 49**

Amur Oblast completed the State Plan for procurement of meat, giving the state 44,000 more pud of meat than in 1947 and 85,000 more pud than in 1940. (From a letter to Stalin, signed by F. Vasil'yev, secretary, Amur Oblast Committee of the VEP(b); F. Popov, deputy chairman, Executive Committee of the Amur Oblast Soviet of Workers' Deputies; M. Pashenichnikov, representative of the Ministry of Agricultural Procurement for Amur Oblast.)

**CREAMERIES COMPLETE MONTH PLAN -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 14, 21 Jan 49**

The Turunovskiy Creamery in Vengerovskiy Rayon completed the January plan on 14 January. The Vengerovo, Urezskiy, Voznesenskiy, Men'shikovskiy, and Shipitsinskiy creameries also completed the month plan ahead of schedule. Creameries in Ust'-Tarkskiy completed the plan on 19 January producing more than 300 pud of first-quality butter above the plan. The Novo-Georgiyevskiy, Krasnoznamenenskiy, and Pechenovskiy creameries are also producing butter above the plan.

**BREAD ENTERPRISES COMPLETE PLAN --- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 1, 1 Jan 49**

Workers in enterprises of the Khabarovsk Trust (director, D. Ostrovskiy) of "Glavkhleb" (Main Administration of the Bread Industry) completed the 1948 plan ahead of schedule and gave the state 4½ million rubles in above-plan profits.

**NEW CENTER PLANNED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 4, 6 Jan 49**

Magadan -- A new agricultural center of the Tukagirskiy Kolkhoz, "Svetlaya zhizn'," is being set up 50 kilometers from Zyryanko settlement on the shores of the Yasachnaya River. Twenty-five houses, an electric power plant, storehouses, and cattle sheds will be built here.

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NEW MACHINE COMBATS PESTS -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 31, 8 Feb 49

"MF-1," a fumigator to combat plant diseases and agricultural pests was constructed by P. A. Lukashevich, a young engineer in the shops of the Moldavian Plant-Conservation Station of the All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences imeni V. I. Lenin. The machine may operate either on a tractor or a horse-drawn vehicle and treats the soil to a depth of one meter. It can treat four cultivated hectares in one day.

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